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VANILA PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Vanila recorded during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Vanila production is increasing in the country;

(c) if so, the area under cultivation of Vanila in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether farmers producing Vanila are not getting remunerative prices;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) the steps taken to increase domestic use of Vanila;

(g) whether synthetic Vanila is carcinogenic;

(h) if so, the quantum of said Vanila imported every year and its prices; and

(i) the steps taken by the Government to reduce such imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)
(a) & (b): The total production of Vanila (State-wise) during the last three years is given below:

(Cures beans in tonnes)

State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Kerala	NA	18.56	33.44
Tamil Nadu	NA	19.07	17.82
Karnataka	NA	54.31	82.36
All India	60.00	91.94	133.62

NA - Not Available

The production has increased from 60.00 tonnes in (2001-02) to 133.62 tonnes in 2003-04 i.e. 55%.

(c): The area under cultivation of Vanila (State-wise) is as under

(Area in hact.)

State	2002-03	2003-04
Kerala	812	1147
Tamil Nadu	268	465
Karnataka	1465	1931
All India	2545	3543

(d): Farmers got remunerative prices, during last year and the same is expected this year also.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): The cultivation of Vanila in our country is at its infant stage and no effort is yet made to increase its domestic use.

(g): No authentic Information is available, However, synthetic Vanillin is toxic as reported in `The book of Spices, Pennsisylvannia, Livingston Pub CO`.

(h): Information not available.

(i): Does not arise.